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SUMMARY:

DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS ABDULLAH AL-TAYEB HAS BEEN NAMED NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR REPLACING MUSTAFA HASSAN ISHAQ. THE UNIVERSITY, CLOSED SINCE MARCH 9, WILL REOPEN JULY 27.

BACKGROUND:

EL-TAYEB, 53, AN ARABIC CLASSICIST AND POET HAS A PH.D. FROM LONDON UNIVERSITY. A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ARABIC LANGUAGE IN CAIRO, HE IS GENERALLY WELL KNOWN, HAVE A POPULAR DAILY TV-RADIO SHOW ON THE KORAN. HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITIES, ARE QUESTIONED BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE UNIVERSITY. CONCURRENT WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF TYIS WGVHI TJMNTNAVG V LIDO 9 100 TUDENTS WANTED BY THE POLICE APPEARED IN THE DAILY PRESS. UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS DENY ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE COINCIDENCE, BUT STATE THAT THEY WERE THE STUDENTS WHO CAUSED DISTURBANCES AND DESERVE TO BE PUNISHED. PUBLICATION OF THE LIST SEEMS TO BE ATTEMPT TO DETER DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES. AFTER THE JULY 27 REOPENING SIX WEEKS WILL BE SPENT

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COMPLETING THE UNFINISHED ACADEMIC YEAR. FINAL

EXAMINATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15.
THEN THE 1974-1975 ACADEMIC YEAR WILL COMMENCE.
THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY
NOT BEEN RELEASED. IT IS REPORTED TO CONTAIN "EIGHT
IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS" RANGING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE UNIVERSITY TO ITS ROLE IN THE SOCIETY.
ONE PERSISTENT RUMOR INDICATES THE REPORT RECOMMENDS
THE STUDENT UNION, LOCUS OF MOST PAST DISTURBANCES,
NOT BE PERMITTED.

OUTLOOK:
UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION HOPES FOR A QUIET REOPENING
SEEM MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN JUSTIFIED, AND MAY DEPEND
ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH THEY ARE WILLING TO USE
REPRESSIVE MEASURES. PAST EXPERIENCES INDICATE THAT
REOPENING WILL BRING A PERIOD OF TENSION DURING WHICH
THE NEW VICE CHANCELLOR'S JUDGEMENT WILL BE TESTED.
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